

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 13-17 have been examined. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 13-15 and 17 and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claim 16 contains allowable subject matter.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,224,205 to Dinkin et al. (“Dinkin”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,827,411 to Arrowood et al. (“Arrowood”).

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 15 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dinkin in view of Arrowood.

A. Claim 1

As a preliminary matter, on pg. 2 of the current Office Action, the Examiner maintains that Applicant argued the Dinkin and Arrowood references *individually* in the July 2, 2004 Amendment. However, the Amendment discussed the combination of Arrowood and Dinkin, as shown by the last full paragraph of pg. 11 to the end of the first full paragraph of pg. 12. Applicant incorporates herein the arguments provided in the July 2, 2004 Amendment.

Further, claim 1 recites that the host is a client device. On pg. 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that in a non-limiting embodiment of the present invention, a client device is considered to be the host (i.e. non-limiting embodiment on pg. 11, line 8 to pg. 13, line 1 of the present Application). The Examiner indicated that if the claims recite that the host is a

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client device, the claims may overcome the cited prior art. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 1 is now patentable over the cited references.

B. Claims 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8

Since claims 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 contain features that are analogous to the features recited in claim 1, Applicant submits that claims 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are patentable for at least analogous reasons as claim 1.

C. Claim 9

Since claim 9 is dependent upon claim 8, Applicant submits that such claim is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

D. Claims 15 and 17

Since claims 15 and 17 are dependent upon claim 1, Applicant submits that claims 15 and 17 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Dinkin in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,754,790 to France et al. (“France”).

Claims 4 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dinkin in view of France. However, claims 4 recites the claimed method in regard to a client device and

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13 recites that the computer is a client device. Accordingly, since France fails to cure the deficient teachings of Dinkin, Applicant submits that claims 4 and 13 are patentable for at least analogous reasons as claim 1.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Dinkin in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,926,463 over Ahearn et al. (“Ahearn”).

Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dinkin in view of Ahearn. However, claim 14 recites that the computer is a client device. Accordingly, since Ahearn fails to cure the deficient teachings of Dinkin, Applicant submits that claim 14 is patentable for at least analogous reasons as claim 1.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claim 16 contains allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant has rewritten claim 16 into independent form and submits that such claim is now in condition for allowance.

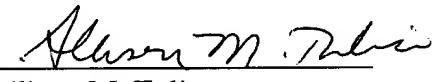
V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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